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TELEGRAPHY COURSE TO BE GIVEN HERE

President Hill Makes Announcement of Plan to Train Operators.

SIGNAL CORPS WORK

May Start Aviation School Later—Reserve Officers' Training Corps Here.

Establishment in the School of Engineering of a short course for training telegraph operators for war service was announced by President A. Ross Hill of the University at the opening convocation of the year in the University Auditorium. The new course, offered at the request of the United States Signal Corps, will open September 24 and last for three months, at the end of which men are expected to be sufficiently trained to become operators.

The men will be trained in the work of sending and receiving in the Morse international code. Elementary courses in electrical currents, wiring, batteries and other necessary lines of information will be given under the direction of the instructors in physics and electrical engineering. The code work will be in the hands of a skilled operator.

The course is offered voluntarily in an effort to assist the Signal Corps in obtaining the 25,000 men needed for war service. The course is open both to University students and others wishing to take the work. Those who will sign an agreement to join the Signal Corps after finishing the course will receive instruction free. All others will be charged a fee of \$10.

Aviation School Possible.

President Hill also announced the possibility that a fundamental school in aviation will be started at the University later in the year. Eight such schools have already been started, but no more will be established until the number of students is greater than can be accommodated.

The use of the state fair grounds at Sedalia has been offered to the government for a flying school. If this is accepted, the fundamental training necessary before student aviators can begin to fly would be given at the University. The men would go to Sedalia after finishing their first training work here.

Training Corps Here Now.

Formal announcement of the establishment of an infantry unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University was made by Doctor Hill. The change from the old military system was planned last spring, but delays made it impossible to adopt the new system until this summer. The change provides for advance military training for students who have had two years of preparatory training in the Cadet Corps, with provision for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular army on completion of the advance work. All equipment for the Cadet Corps will be supplied by the United States Government. Blue dress uniforms will not be used any more, wool khaki uniforms being worn the year round.

The chief change in the system of training is that all students will hereafter be required to take two years of military work instead of one. A board composed of Deans J. C. Jones, E. J. McCaustland and F. B. Mumford has been appointed to act on all applications for excuses from military training.

Students May Enter Late.

Arrangements whereby students kept from entering the University now by war service may enter as late as November 1 were announced by President Hill. This ruling provides especially for students kept at home now by work on farms in harvesting crops, but will apply to other students employed in industries that have a direct bearing on the war.

The American University Union, an organization which will look after the interests of college and university men from the United States now in war service in Europe, has been established in Paris, according to Doctor Hill. Prof. Walter Miller, formerly dean of the Graduate School of the University, who is now doing Y. M. C. A. war work in France, has been appointed to represent the University of Missouri in the new organization. About twenty-four members of the University faculty are now engaged in some phase of war work either in this country or in Europe. It is estimated that between 100 and 150 students are in war service.

Urges Industry This Year.

"The students at the University of Missouri this year should make this a year of unusual industry in face of the growing need for university trained men and women," said Doctor Hill in closing his address. "Those not called into the national army or other phases of war service, who do not apply themselves to the best of their ability, are as much slackers as those trying to evade their military obligations to their country. I appeal to you all to make this year the best

in scholastic accomplishments in the history of the University."

In face of the appeal of the War Department that all athletic activities in universities continue during the war as a means of better preparing men for service in the army when they are needed, President Hill announced that athletics at the University of Missouri would continue as in past years. He called upon the students to strive for those characteristics which go toward making a good soldier and citizen during war as well as peace times.

The invocation and benediction were given by the Rev. S. W. Hayne of the Methodist Church. A stanza of "America" was sung at the opening of the convocation and "Old Missouri" was sung at the close of Doctor Hill's address. The following scholarships and prizes, which could not be announced at the commencement exercises last June, were announced this morning:

U. D. C. Scholarship (Kansas City): Sarah-Lee Duke Parry Scholarship, given by the Robert E. Lee Chapter—C. C. Hearne, Goodman, McDonald County, Mo.

149. Lee-Pickett Scholarship, which was held by Miss Lois Hodges, will be held the coming year by Miss Ganald Stout of Kansas City.

U. D. C. Scholarship (St. Louis): Margaret McClure Chapter—Miss Alma McClain of Cape Girardeau will receive the scholarship, which was last year held by Miss Edith Spencer. Rhodes Clay Scholarship—Awarded to Miss Clara Louise Albrecht of St. Joseph, Mo.

Karnes Scholarship (second year, law)—James Austin Walden, Moberly, Mo.

Curators' Scholarships—Honor Graduates.

High Schools: Arthur Forest Barnes, Pattonsburg; Edward Boyer, Leadwood; Miss Bonibel Burrows, Cainesville (class of 1916); Elwyn L. Cady, Chillicothe; Corwine Edwards, University High School; Miss Myrl Gibson, Grant City; Francis K. Godwin, Butler; Roland Kauffman, Clayton; Miss Rose Mayer, King City; Dale Pickett, Trenton; John W. Rowley, Bowling Green; Theodore Vickroy, Yeatman High School, St. Louis; Miss Ruth Woodward, Cainesville (class of 1917); Ernest Melvin Woods, Shelbyville.

Normal Schools: Floyd O'Rear, Fourth District Normal.

Missouri College Union: Oliver Gaebler, Central Wesleyan College; Turner H. Hopper, Westminster College.

Junior Colleges: Miss Marian Babb, Stephens College.

FUMIGATE LEE SCHOOL

J. E. McPherson Says Studies Will Be Resumed There by Monday Morning.

J. E. McPherson, superintendent of public schools, announced this afternoon that the Lee School, which was closed yesterday because of fear of an infantile paralysis spread, would reopen Monday morning. Mr. McPherson had the building thoroughly fumigated today and it will be thoroughly cleaned before the pupils return. "The period of incubation," said Mr. McPherson, "for infantile paralysis is from three to seven days. If we wait until Monday I feel sure that there will be little chance of any of the children receiving it. I am glad however that we decided to close the school and feel sure that any other course would have been wrong."

Helen Clark, 9 year old daughter of Boyle Clark, was reported as slightly improved by her physician today. Dr. E. W. Saunders, a St. Louis physician who came yesterday to talk over the treatment of the case returned last night on the midnight Katy train. The child will be treated with massages and rest and later perhaps with an electrical treatment frequently given such cases.

No further cases of the disease were reported today.

BLIND HORSE CAUSES INJURY

Miss Thessa Rudolph Thrown from Buggy on Broadway.

Miss Thessa Rudolph, 419 West Broadway avenue, sustained slight bruises of the jaw when she fell from a buggy at Ninth street and Broadway at 10 o'clock this morning. Miss Rudolph's horse is blind and ran into the curbing. The buggy was tipped slightly and she was thrown out. She was taken to the Parker Memorial Hospital.

Porto Rico's Quota 12,854.

By Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 19.—Porto Rico's quota for the National Army will be 12,854, instead of 7,000 men, as originally announced, according to Lieutenant Colonel Townshend, in command of the district of Porto Rico, who has just received instructions from Washington to that effect. Whether the total number will be called at one time or whether they will be drawn at different intervals is not yet known here. However, plans for the building of a cantonment to accommodate 7,000 men have not yet been changed.

SECOND GROUP OF 62 TO FUNSTON FRIDAY

Boone County Men Will Leave for Camp on 10:50 Wabash.

NAME 7 ALTERNATES

From the Courthouse They Will March to the Train in a Body.

Boone County's second increment of sixty-two and seven alternates will report at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to the local draft board and will receive instructions for entraining for Camp Funston at 10:50 o'clock Friday morning. The alternates will take the place of any men who fail to appear.

Twenty-five requests to be allowed to eat and sleep at home until Friday morning have been received by the local board. Unless the others file requests the government will have to pay for their room and board.

The men have been asked to take as little excess baggage as possible, as they will have little need of civilian clothes. The men are asked to bring a change of underwear and a few other necessities and it has been suggested by Adjutant General McCord that one or more of the men bring searchlights, as they will arrive in camp at night.

Each man will take with him his registration card, physical record and an identification card, which he will present to the adjutant of the camp. Duplicate registration cards and physical records will also be sent by mail to the adjutant.

The men will report to the draft board at 9 o'clock Friday morning and will go to the train in a body. As yet no program has been arranged.

The men who have been named as alternates follow:

Alfonso Stephens, 1112 North Eighteenth street, St. Louis.
Frank M. Lockridge, Columbia.
James O'Dell Nichols, Columbia.
William Joseph Alton, Columbia.
Otis Grant Wilson, McBaine.
William N. Stark, Harg.
Pleas Carson Morris, Cole.
Stephens registered in Columbia, but moved to St. Louis after July 5.

Arriving at Camp Funston Today.

By Associated Press

CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Sept. 19.—Twenty-seven hundred men, the first contingent of the second division of the initial quota of the National Army, were arriving today at Camp Funston from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico. The new arrivals, like the first contingent in camp, will be equipped with overalls pending the arrival of uniforms.

OFFICERS TO THE FRONT SOON

Heads of Camps Will Make Observation Tours.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Regular and National Guard officers commanding division training camps will be sent to Europe on observation tours of the battle fronts. Formal announcement of the plan by the War Department is expected soon.

Under the voluntary censorship, specific movements of officers may not be published without authorization of military officers. For this reason the list of division commanders already selected to make the tour will be available only when announcement is made by the War Department. It is assumed, however, that every division commander will be given an opportunity to familiarize himself somewhat with the actual war conditions.

The early stages of the mobilization and training of the National Guard and army divisions will be left to the brigade and regimental commanders. The first weeks of training work will be devoted largely to getting the men equipped and classified to the various arms of the service and that period will be devoted wherever possible to the observation tours abroad for general officers.

Ricketts Is State Billiard Champion.

W. D. Ricketts won the pocket billiard championship of the state yesterday by defeating the former champion, John Layton of Sedalia, running off 450 balls while Layton was scoring 331. The match was played in three blocks of 150 balls each on the regulation table in Booche's Billiard Parlors. Ricketts won all three blocks, 150 to 138, 150 to 84 and 150 to 109. Both players made several runs of over 30.

In a special 50-point 3-cushion match in the afternoon Ricketts defeated Layton, 50 to 41.

Epworth League to Give Social.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will give a social to the new University students in the church parlors at 8 o'clock next Friday night.

Mrs. Phillips Heads W. C. T. U.

Mrs. J. J. Phillips was elected president of the W. C. T. U. Monday afternoon. She succeeds Mrs. Margaret Funk.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS PASSED BY COUNCIL

Street and Sidewalk Repairs Are Ordered by the City.

WANT QUICK ACTION

Property Owners Petition for Paving of South Fourth Street.

The City Council last night passed several resolutions and ordinances calling for the improvement of streets and sidewalks. Following the reading of a petition from residents of South Fourth street, Simon Hedrick and Dr. W. C. Curtis spoke on behalf of the property owners desiring to work done. The resolution to pave the street with tarvia twenty feet wide from Maple street to Vassar avenue was passed.

"We have only one more request to make," said Mr. Hedrick after the vote, "and that is that you try to make the dirt fly before the snow flies."

A resolution to pave North Third street from the south property line of Hickman avenue to the north property line of Sexton road was read and passed over the remonstrance filed against the improvement.

Fifth Street Repairs Discussed.

The repairing of Fifth street and West Broadway was left to the discretion of the street committee. Efforts to obtain assistance from the county in making needed repairs on Fifth street were discussed in order to decrease the cost to citizens owning property abutting the street.

On recommendation of the street committee \$150 was suggested as the price to pay J. N. Fellows for a road grader, which the city has used for some time.

Resolutions to pave North Boulevard from west Range line, Melbourne street from Windsor to Broadway and Short street from Broadway to Walnut were passed. On proposal of Alderman Stephens an ordinance was passed for condemning the sidewalk on South Ninth from the Hall Theater to Locust street.

A contract for the laying of a sidewalk on the south side of Conley street from Fifth street west was awarded to D. R. Schooler for \$166.93. His bid was the lowest of the three bids filed.

Coal Stored for Winter.

A resolution to draw up an ordinance compelling adherence to the scale of weights and measures arranged by state law was proposed by Alderman Klass and passed.

Work on the new city reservoir was discussed. The following appropriations were made: Ninety-nine dollars and 55 cents from the general revenue fund, \$310 from the security fund, \$4,708.48 from the water and light fund. The water and light appropriation is unusually large because of the storing of a supply of coal to last several weeks.

After deciding to meet in special session at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, September 27, to go over the street questions now under investigation, the meeting adjourned.

PROMOTIONS TO COLUMBIA MEN

Three in New National Army Have Been Made Corporals.

Columbia and Boone County men are making a splendid showing at Camp Fred Funston according to reports that have reached here recently. Of the first Columbia contingent three have already been appointed corporals in Company M, 356th Regiment of the Infantry. Those receiving this promotion are O. C. McCullough, Lemuel Crouch and Willis Murray.

Another indication of success was shown by the fact that out of an efficiency squad of sixteen men picked recently from the battalion, five Columbia men were chosen and eight were selected from Company M, which is composed largely of Boone County men.

NEWSPAPER AT EACH CAMP

Soldiers Will Have a Weekly Publication to Read.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Plans for the publication of a soldiers' weekly newspaper in every National Army and National Guard camp, under the auspices of the National War Council of the Y. M. C. A., were announced today. Among the contributors will be Colonel Roosevelt and many of the best known newspaper writers and cartoonists.

Farm Board Fixes Storage.

The headquarters of the State Board of Agriculture are being removed from Columbia and the entire department will be installed here as soon as quarters can be provided in the new capitol, says a dispatch from Jefferson City. This will probably be about the first of next month. The clerical force, comprising some ten persons, is here now looking after the storing of shipments from Columbia.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday except, unsettled northeast portion; cooler.

Weather Conditions.
A moderate low pressure wave is crossing the upper Mississippi Valley and has broken to some extent the fine spell of weather that has prevailed for the past several days.

In the Central Valleys and in the Plains "s" have become overcast; and light rain has fallen in a relatively narrow strip from the upper Missouri Valley section south to Texas; but in the remainder of the country fair weather has prevailed. Reasonable temperature obtain in all parts of the country, except the northern rocky Mountain states where the weather is cooler than at the same time yesterday. "s" were frost last night in parts of North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. In Columbia mostly fair weather will prevail over Thursday, with somewhat lower temperature.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 84 degrees and the lowest last night was 59; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 35 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 67 and the lowest 42; precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 5:54 a. m. Sun sets, 7:11 p. m.
Moon sets 7:28 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 61 11 a. m. 71
8 a. m. 64 12 m. 75
9 a. m. 66 1 p. m. 79
10 a. m. 68 2 p. m. 79

DEMAND ALL SHIPS

Overseas Service Will Require Vessels Soon, Shipping Board Says.

By Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 19.—Within the next six months the demands of the American army abroad will require that the government divert every available American vessel, coastwise and others, to overseas service, R. D. Stevens, vice-chairman of the United States Shipping Board, today told the war convention of American business men here.

The real pinch in the war shipping situation will come, Stevens said, early next spring, before the government has begun to turn out vessels in large numbers.

Mr. Stevens urged business men to go to Congress in support of the bill now pending to empower President Wilson to suspend the provision of the shipping laws so that neutral vessels may be permitted to engage in American coastwise trade. The government, he said, has found it has no power to commandeer neutral ships tied up in American ports.

The neutrals, Stevens said, are ready to put their tonnage to carrying cargoes whenever this government gives them permission. Hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping, he said, were available for this service.

Harry Wheeler of Chicago, who spoke on the relation between business and transportation, declared federal control of railroads would be brought ten years closer by reason of this war. The next step in regulation, he said, would be federal incorporation and regulation of the issuing of securities. The national government, he added, will gradually absorb the functions of the state railway commissions.

ST. LOUIS MOTORIST FINED

Charge of Careless Driving Against Julian Nugent.

Julian Nugent of St. Louis, nephew of Dan Nugent and son of B. Nugent, founder of a large department store there, was fined \$1 and costs by Judge Edwards in police court this morning. Nugent was arrested at 6 o'clock last night on the charge of careless driving. He spent the night in jail and this morning called up the Nugent store, explained matters and asked that money be telegraphed to him to pay his fine.

Immediately after receiving money from St. Louis and paying his fine, Nugent was rearrested on a state warrant issued by Prosecuting Attorney Dinwiddie, charging him with driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was brought before Justice of the Peace Bicknell, where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs. He had wired for \$50 and the fines and court costs amounted to almost this amount.

Nugent said this morning that he was driving from St. Louis to Fort Riley, where he intended to visit.

Two women, who gave their names as Miss Lillian Hall and Mrs. Sanders of St. Louis, were in the car. The car had a damaged windshield and the top was torn, due, Nugent explained, to an accident he had had Monday.

The only mark of identification that Nugent had was his name sewed in the lining of his coat. He said that he would return to St. Louis today.

ANXIE SHEARER IS DEAD

Daughter of Gordon Shearer Was Buried Near Sturgeon Today.

Annie Shearer, 12 years old, died last night at the home of her father, Gordon Shearer, 805 Tandy avenue. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Locust Grove Church near Sturgeon.

AGREE ON 11 BILLION WAR CREDITS ISSUE

Senate and House Conferees Reach a Decision on the Bill.

A VOTE TOMORROW

Only Minor Changes Made by the Committee in Original Plans.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Agreement on the War Credits Bill authorizing \$11,538,000,000 of new bonds and certificates was reached today by the Senate and House conferees, with no change in the issue proposed.

Adoption of the conference report tomorrow by the Senate and by the House on Friday is planned. Minor changes only were made by the conferees.

The conferees adopted an expense allowance of 1-5 of 1 per cent for bonds and war savings certificates, as originally recommended by Secretary McAdoo, and 1-10 of 1 per cent for treasury certificates of indebtedness. They eliminated Senator LaFollette's amendment fixing the rate on the war savings certificates at 4 per cent, retaining the House provision giving the Secretary of the Treasury full authority to determine the rate, which is expected to be slightly more than 4 per cent.

The bill authorizes \$7,538,000,000 of new convertible 4 per cent bonds, subject to income surtaxes and other excess profits taxes. Of these, \$4,000,000,000 are for new loans to the Allies, the remainder to convert the 3½ per cent Liberty Loan and refund miscellaneous bond issues.

Issuance of \$2,000,000,000 of war savings certificates and the same amount of short-term treasury certificates of indebtedness also was provided.

ARMY OFFER TO COACH MILLER

But M. U. Teacher Probably Will Not Accept.

Coach John Miller, in charge of freshman football at the University of Missouri, received a telegram last night from John S. Moore, formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here, asking him to take a position as sports director at Camp Taylor in Louisville, Ky. Coach Miller said this morning that he thought it was very unlikely that he would accept the offer.

Mr. Moore is now in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Taylor, and it is through his influence that Coach Miller's offer came. According to the wire received by Coach Miller, there are 8,000 men in camp at Louisville and there are great opportunities for the development of sports among them. The telegram from Mr. Moore assured Coach Miller a good salary.

"I certainly wouldn't go unless I could get a leave of absence from the University," said Coach Miller this morning.

Athletic Director W. E. Meanwell has already received an offer to take up work in the sports department of the army. He said this morning that he felt sure that it would not be best for him to accept any such offer at the present time.

VEHICLE TAX IS DUE NOW

Suit Will Be Filed If Payment Is Not Made This Week.

All persons who have not paid their vehicle tax, which was due September 1, will have charges brought against them unless they pay this week, Berry W. Jacobs, city collector, said this morning.

"There are about 500 privately owned vehicles in Columbia for which the owners have not paid the tax," Mr. Jacobs said this morning, "and this amounts to about \$1,000. It will be cheaper for the owners if they pay the \$2 tax now and not wait until next week, when they will have to pay the tax and also a fine of \$1 and costs, which amounts to \$9.25."

All privately owned vehicles are required to pay a city tax of \$2. Motorcycles are taxed \$1. Public service car owners do not have to pay because they pay a city license.

J. A. GIBSON SAILS FOR FRANCE

K. U. Athletic Director Also Goes To Do Y. M. C. A. Work.

Prof. J. A. Gibson of the chemistry department of the University has just sailed from New York to do Y. M. C. A. work with General Pershing's expeditionary force in France. With him sailed Dr. James A. Naismith, physical director of the University of Kansas.

Seventy-five cinematograph machines to supply "movies" for the United States soldiers in France now are in that country or soon will be sent, according to an announcement made in New York by the national war work council of the Young Men's Christian Association, which Major General Pershing has authorized to take over educational as well as the recreational films.